# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST QUACKS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of complaints received against quacks for undertaking medical practice on the basis of fake certificates/ degrees;

(b) if so, the total number of complaints received by the Government during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the number of quacks/ fake medical practitioners against whom action has been taken during the said period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to check such illegal activities?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) The State Medical Councils who grant registration to practitioners take action where called for against Quacks. The provisions exist in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973 to take action against unqualified/unregistered practitioners of medicine. Any person who acts in contravention of the provision can be punished with imprisonment and fine under respective Acts. Since, the responsibility of enforcement of the statutory provisions is that of various State Governments, no data on complaints against quacks/fake medical practitioners is maintained by the Ministry.